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REMARKS

Claims 1-34 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 35-44 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the new claims. For instance, support for the new claims appears e.g. at page 11, lines 9-25; page 14, lines 1-10; and the original claims of the application.

The pending claims recite *inter alia* a photoresist composition that comprises the polymer that contains tert-butyl acrylate units in an amount of 5 to 25 mole percent and that the polymer is composed of the three depicted units (i.e. sum of x, y and z is 100 percent).

Such photoresist compositions are not suggested by any documents of record.

Additionally, features recited in the pending claims – including that the polymer contains tert-butyl acrylate units in an amount of 5 to 25 mole percent and that the polymer is composed of the three depicted units – were not considered in the Decision on Appeal by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (paper no. 13; mailed November 13, 2003).

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

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